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Merkel & Associates, Inc.
James McCann, JRMC Real Estate Inc.
City of Escondido

**Supplemental Environmental Project Application – Escondido Creek Watershed
Invasive Species/Erosion Control Program (ISECP) – Stormwater SEP**

To Whom It May Concern,

The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy has reviewed the following SEP and is in support of its approval. The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy works towards reducing impacts to the San Elijo Lagoon State Ecological Reserve, including ways to reduce sediment transport, invasive species removal and re-vegetation. As you are aware the lagoon is 303d impaired for excessive sedimentation yet a TMDL has yet to be completed. We support any effort to help reduce these problems and fix current practices, which might lead to accidental increases in sediment load. A pilot project to help address best methods to repair areas in the watershed will also be most useful in the implementation of the Escondido Creek Watershed Action Strategy that the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is currently finishing up. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/S/

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